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## NO DARK HORSE

**So Declares Hilles, Secretary to the President**

**Says It Will Be Either Taft or Roosevelt, and that the Taft Forces Will Not Bolt**

WASHINGTON, June 1.—President Taft will neither consider, listen to nor accept the suggestion of a compromise candidate.

Neither will there be a bolt by the Taft forces—rumors to the contrary notwithstanding. If he is beaten President Taft will take his defeat with good grace and will not attempt to start another party to secure the nomination for the Presidency on any other pretext.

This was the comment made by Secretary Hilles on the question of a possible dark horse capturing the Presidential nomination when the Republican National convention meets on the 18th of this month.

Indignantly repudiating any assertion that the question of a compromise had been broached to the President or that he would consider it should it be made, Secretary Hilles continued:

"This is a fight between President Taft and Col. Roosevelt. The nomination, so far as we can see, lies between one of these men. We are considering no dark horse. The President will go into the convention with enough votes to nominate him. If the unexpected happens and he fails in his purpose, the man who wins will do so because of his own strength and not from any votes which will be swung to him by the President.

"This is strictly a 'two man fight' with odds, in our opinion, in favor of the President. We are making every effort to hold our own in Ohio, and I see no reason why we should not do so.

"The President is not considering visiting Chicago at the time of the convention. Whether Col. Roosevelt is on hand at this time or not will make no difference. The President will remain here to attend to business and will leave the attention to the details in Chicago in the hands of Director McKinley and myself.

"On June 17th President Taft will preside at the graduation exercises at Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. He will return here on June 18 and will receive the news of the convention by telegraph and long distance telephone. All precedents would be shattered should the President of the United States attend a convention in which he is personally interested, and President Taft is not considering such a radical move.

"Besides, we see no necessity for it. We have strength enough already. Our delegates, we are sure, can take care of themselves, and there is no fear of an organized bolt to the opposition.

"The chairmanship of the National Committee is a subject which has received little attention as yet. Senator Root will doubtless be the temporary chairman, but the selection of a permanent chairman, probably, will not be taken up until after the close of the convention, as was done in 1908."

While Secretary Hilles would not positively assert who would nominate President Taft at the Chicago convention, he admitted that both Senator Burton and Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, were being considered for this honor. The fact that Harding, who was defeated by Harmon during the last gubernatorial campaign, had a long conversation

with the President Friday, supposedly concerning the Ohio situation, has apparently thrown the balance in his favor, the more so since Senator Burton failed signally to carry out his promises that the President would at least "make a good showing in his home State."

Secretary Hilles will leave here for Chicago in time to be present at the contest hearings before the Republican Committee, June 6. He will then remain in Chicago until the convention closes, holding the office of personal representative of the President.

## Claude Allen Found Guilty

After deliberating two hours and a half the jury today found Claude Swanson Allen guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Judge Massie at Hillsville in March.

The jury recommended punishment be fixed at fifteen years in the penitentiary.

Sentence was suspended in order that he may testify in the other cases growing out of the shooting up of the Carroll county court.

The Commonwealth sprung a surprise when it announced that it would try Claude Allen next for the murder of Sheriff Lewis Webb.

Objection was made by Allen's counsel and argument will be heard on this when court reconvenes July 5. Remarking that he did not believe that another jury could be secured in this county, Judge Staples instructed the issue of summons for a venire of one hundred from the adjoining county of Washington to report on July 2.

The five Allen clansmen held for their connection with the Hillsville shooting tonight were taken to Roanoke pending the reconvening of court here in July.

Boyd Marion, who was indicted with the Allens, was released today under \$1,000 bond.

## June 29th, Date for Hiring Teachers in Knox County

The Attorney General in a recent decision decided that the Board of Education may call a meeting of the sub-district trustees, either on the 15th or 29th of June, for the purpose of hiring teachers. This call meeting for hiring teachers in Knox County will be on the 29th day of June.

The following paragraphs are taken from the new school law and become effective after June 13, 1912.

"It shall be the duty of the sub-district trustee to nominate and recommend in writing to the division board one or more teachers for each school in his sub-district, and with said nomination and recommendation he shall convey the teacher's credentials and any objections, remonstrances or petitions that may be offered, in voting, to the election of said teacher or teachers nomination by the trustee thereof, when such teacher possess the necessary qualifications and no reasonable objections is offered

No salary of any teacher in any sub-district shall be less than \$35 nor more than \$70 per month, and these shall be based on and regulated by the qualifications of the teacher and the number of children actually in attendance in proportion to the number enrolled in the school census for the district, graduated in accordance with and conforming to such rules and regulations governing same as shall be hereafter prescribed by the State Board of Education."

I feel sure that I will have ready for print, the schedule showing specific bases on which teachers will be paid, on or before the last Saturday in June.

W. W. Evans, Supt.

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## FIVE MILLION BUSHELS OF CORN FOR KNOX COUNTY

Knox County needs corn, and if it needs anything more than this, it is more corn. We think that Knox County could double her production of corn. Corn is one of the great necessities of Knox County. We want to interest the farmers to raise more corn and better quality, and with that in mind we have offered twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in cash prizes for corn. This corn to be displayed at the Knox County Fair. No entrance fee will be charged for this display and no part of the premium will be taken by the Fair Company. The full sum of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) will be turned over to the successful contestants. We want every corn raiser in the County to put forth his best efforts. The First National Bank stands for progress, and for all those things that make to the best interest of the farmer, as well as every other citizen of the County. We want you to meet us half way on this proposition. We produce the twenty-five dollars and you farmers produce the corn. This is the National Bank that has the largest number of stockholders, and the strongest financial backing of any bank in this section. It is the largest Government depository. It is the City and a County depository. It has the largest surplus profit fund of any bank in this section. Its assets are nearly a quarter of a million dollars, it is growing faster than any bank in this section. It is absolutely safe. It pays you 3 per cent on time deposits. Call and get acquainted and learn the particulars of this corn contest.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
Barbourville, Ky.

## MEMORIAL DAY IN DIXIE

**D. U. C. And G. A. R. Decorate Graves of Soldiers  
Together at St. Petersburg**

**D. W. Clark Writer Letter**

St. Petersburg, Fla.,  
June 3, 1912.

Editor, Mountain Advocate,

My Dear Sir:—

Perhaps some of my old Kentucky friends and former readers will be interested in a description of how the G. A. R. Post, and friends away down in Dixie, in St. Petersburg observed Memorial Day May 30

During the time of this interesting service here our mind wandered back to our old Kentucky home and we thought of the G. A. R. Post No 221, that had so kindly honored us as to make us an honorary member and thought of the very interesting

day that they were enjoying at the old Knox County Fair grounds.

We are glad to say, in the beginning that we find a strong spirit of Patriotism here, and the people are as true to the flag as any people on earth.

Most beautiful and impressive ceremonies were held at Greenwood Cemetery on Thursday afternoon by the members of the G. A. R. and the U. D. C. The members of the organizations, numbering about one hundred, went out to the cemetery on the 3 o'clock car and marched to the section reserved for the heroes of the army and navy who gave their lives for their country.

Adjutant E. S. Upham read a memorial address telling of the brave deeds of the blue and gray, and spoke in beautiful terms of the 40,000 comrades who had departed to the great beyond during the past year, and stated that he hoped Old Glory would continue to wave forever over one country. He said greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his country. Chaplain J. O. Thompson offered a beautiful prayer. The audience then

sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which was followed by a reading, "The Blue and the Gray," by Miss Marguerite Blocker. Miss Blocker's rendering of this pathetic number brought tears to the eyes of her hearers. She looked very girlish and pretty in her gown of white lace with a corsage bouquet of red poppies, and was presented with a handsome bouquet of roses by Adjutant Upham, at the close. Chaplain Thompson then read Lincoln's address delivered at Gettysburg. Rev. S. A. Keen's address spelled true American patriotism in every line and was received with interest by all present. He spoke of the famous legend of the Rhine, where the Imperial Charles returns each year to his old haunts, breathing a blessing over field, hamlet and people and then returns to his tomb. He spoke of the spirit of our patriots being with us ever and spoke of their lives as a benediction to us and causing us to seek after peace and truth and causing us to fight a nobler battle in the conflict of the cross. He said the day always brought back memories to the veterans, not only of the battles fought, but of the friends made and the devotion of comrades in prison, hospital and camp. He spoke of the first man who fell in the conflict in 1861. Private Luther C. Ladd, whose life was sacrificed at Baltimore, and read a beautiful poem commemorating the bravery of Private Ladd. Rev. Keen stated that the people of our nation were getting farther and farther from the original intention of the holy memorial day and stated that picnics, and ball games were an affront to the living as well as the dead soldier. He thought that we ought to show more reverence for the departed, and stated that he thought the time was not far distant when Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day would be observed as one day, and asked the aid of the veterans and friends to lend their aid in fighting the evils of intemperance. Sabbath desecration. He spoke of the beautiful legend, "The Great Champion," written by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

After Rev. Keen's address the audience joined in singing "America" and then decorated the graves of the departed veterans with beautiful flowers.

After the graves had been decorated, the G. A. R. veterans and members of the U. D. C. went to the electric dock, where the beautiful ceremony of strewing the water with flowers was held. "Nearer, My God to Thee" was sung, after which a responsive service was held by the officers of the corps. All joined in singing "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul," and Rev. Keen offered a prayer. Adjutant Upham stepped forward at the end of the service and cast a handsome white wreath upon the waters, in memory of the departed soldiers and sailors.

D. W. Clark.

## No Compromise

WASHINGTON, May 30.—President Taft today sent a telegram to Arthur I. Vorys, Republican National Committeeman for Ohio, declaring that while he does not need that State's six delegates-at-large to secure the Presidential nomination, he would not consider a compromise in the Ohio State convention.

## To Consumptives

Rev. Edward A. Wilson was cured by simple means of a severe throat and lung affection which developed into consumption. If you will write to Mr. Chas. A. Abbott, 60 Ann St., New York City, he will send you (FREE OF CHARGE) Mr. Wilson's full description of his cure. It will cost you nothing and may prove a blessing.

5-24-12

## URGES PARCELS POST TO STRIKE AT MIDDLE MAN

**Representative Powers Tells House Farm Products Should Go Direct to Consumer**

**Kentucky Member Asserts Present Method is Double Price of Rural Products**

Washington, April 27.—Parcels post, which will benefit both the farmer and the ultimate consumer, was strongly urged in the House today by Representative Caleb Powers of Kentucky, who presented startling figures to show the profit of the middleman. Mr. Powers, who spoke during the debate on the post-office appropriation bill, which provides for the establishment of a general parcels post with an eleven-pound limit and an experimental parcels post on rural routes, created surprise when he said:

"The farm products of the country last year had an estimated aggregate value of \$9,000,000,000. The farmers used perhaps one-third of the products; the remaining \$6,000,000,000 worth cost the ultimate consumer \$13,000,000,000. In other words, the price of the farm product was more than doubled from the time it left the farm until it reached the mouths of the consumers through the medium of the middleman."

## Appeals for the Farmer

Advocating the establishment of a parcels post which will permit the handling of farm products over mail routes, Mr. Powers declared that "the farmer ought to have the right to send his produce direct to the consumer, instead of having it go through a dozen hands before it reaches the table of the consumer."

The Kentucky Representative expressed the hope that the commission which it is proposed shall be created to investigate the subject of an unlimited parcels post "may devise some means to extend the system so as to benefit the farmer and consumer by permitting the handling of farm products in large quantities."

The post office appropriation bill authorized the establishment of an experimental parcels post on rural mail routes for a period of two years. It also provides for a general parcels post, applicable to all routes, with a package limit of eleven pounds, at the rate of 12 cents a pound. Mr. Powers took issue with the contention that the lower rate accorded strictly rural route shipments discriminated in favor of the farmers. The haul would be shorter, he said, and the rate of five cents a pound for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound up to eleven pounds on rural route shipments was justified. He deprecated the fact that the bill did not provide even more liberal treatment for shipments originating and delivered on rural routes.

Referring to the proposition to establish a general parcels post Mr. Powers said:

"There are twenty-three foreign nations which now have a right to transmit in our mails fourth-class packages up to a weight of eleven pounds, for which there is a charge of 12 cents a pound. It is proposed to make this provision applicable to our own people, putting their mail matter on a parity with that of foreign nations. It is just that the mails of this country should be available for the use of citizens of the United States on terms as fair and reasonable as those accorded these twenty-three foreign nations."

—New York Tribune.